

ETHICS COMMITTEE
REPORT

FILE NUMBER: LSC/06/3970

COUNSEL: **MS. NICOLA GOBBO**
List M, 3269, 19/11/1998

COMPLAINANT: Mr. Carl Williams
C/o HM Prison
Locked Bag 7
Lara Victoria 3212

COMPLAINT RECEIVED: 24 August 2006

AREA OF LAW: Criminal

DATE OF REPORT: 1 September 2006

SUMMARY:

1. By letter dated 8 August 2006 Mr. Williams states that Ms. Gobbo has acted improperly and unethically. Mr. Williams is facing a murder trial with [REDACTED] Mr. [REDACTED], Mr. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] Mr. Williams states that Ms. Gobbo has represented [REDACTED] of the co-accused.

Mr. Williams states that Ms. Gobbo was junior counsel to [REDACTED] for Mr. [REDACTED] and Justice Betty King told her that she had a conflict of interest and should not have any involvement in the matter.

Mr. Williams states that Ms. Gobbo continued to keep in regular contact with Mr. [REDACTED] by way of telephone and contact visits and appeared on his behalf at his arraignment.

Mr. Williams would like the matter investigated and Ms. Gobbo to be stopped once and for all from having any further contact with [REDACTED]
2. The Legal Services Commissioner has referred this disciplinary complaint to the Committee for investigation, recommendation and report. In providing directions, the Committee should note paragraph C2 which states "Please do not invite the practitioner to provide information on a "Victorian Bar information only" basis.
3. A file note dated 28 August 2006 follows this report.